

Bakari F. Burns, MPH, MBA President & Chief Executive Officer, Health Care Center for the Homeless, Inc.

Bakari F. Burns is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Health Care Center for the Homeless, Inc. (HCCH), a non-profit organization that provides primary medical, dental and vision care as well as outpatient behavioral health counseling at Orange Blossom Family Health.

Bakari Burns is an Orlando native with a distinguished career in non-profit healthcare work. An honors graduate of Jones High School, he received a full Walt Disney World Florida Pre-paid Scholarship to attend any public university in Florida and he selected Florida A&M University. Burns went on to receive a B.S. in Health Care Management and a Master of Public Health from Florida A&M University (FAMU). In October of 2003 at the age of 29, Burns had the opportunity to fulfill his dream of returning to Orlando and giving back to the hometown that gave so much to him by accepting the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Health Care Center for the Homeless. In 2007 he received the Martin Bell Scholarship which allowed him to pursue a Master of Business Administration Degree from the Crummer School of Business at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL., which he received in 2009.

Since assuming the responsibilities as the CEO of the Health Care Center for the Homeless, Inc., the Health Center has experienced significant growth, caring for over 19,000 patients annually. Burns is a member of the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church and enjoys spending time with his two daughters, Addison and Adira. In December 2019, Bakari Burns was elected to serve as City Commissioner of District 6, Orlando, FL.